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SUBJ: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTIONOF DEA

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- 1. EMBASSY AND DEA AT ASUNCION FOR PAST FIVE YEARS HAVE HAD CONSISTENTLY CLOSE AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP. FROM EMBASSY'S STANDPOINT, THIS REFLECTS HIGHLY DEVELOPED SENSITIVITY ON PART OF PAST AND PRESENT SAICS TO POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT HERE, AND TO THEIR ROLE AS INTEGRAL MEMBERS OF THIS MISSION.
- 2. EMBASSY HAS SUPPORTED ACO IN ALL PHASES OF ITS ACTIVITIES HERA, FROM CONTACTS WITH LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP ON QUESTIONS OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE (E.G., THE NAPOUT CASE), TO IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF PARAGUAYAN PARTICIPANTS FOR IN-COUNTRY AND OUTSIDE PROGRAMS IN WHICH DEA AND STATE HAVE HAD A SHARED INTEREST, TO COOPERATING ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF EMBASSY-DEA PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL NARCOTICS

UNIT.

3. EMBASSY HAS A LONG RECORD OF CLOSE AND ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR DEA STAFFING REQUIREMENTS.

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4. WE KNOW OF NO INSTANCE WHERE EMBASSY HAS RESTRAINED DEA IN THE PURSUIT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL GOALS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS ACO AND THEY AGREE WITH THIS POSITIVE ASSESSMENT. WHITE

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